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The saloon served as center of social life in boomtowns and mining camps across the West. Hard drinking and fast gambling were found from morning late into the night. An array of card and dice games including poker, faro and roulette were offered among other diversions. Left to right, top: "Saloons and disreputable places in Hazen, Nevada." Customers at an elaborate mirrored back bar in Park City, Utah. Bottom: Intent onlookers ponder a faro game at the Orient Saloon, Bisbee, Arizona. Floodwaters temporarily discourage business at Eureka, Utah's notorious "Finn" saloon. A Virginia City, Nevada, patron pours his own, doubtless to the brim as the price was the same!



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